

DUCK TRACKS

By **BERNIE HAMMERBECK**
Sports Editor

Not the least bit inactive these sunny days are the horsehide aspirants at McArthur court. It takes but a very little sun and warm weather to really bring out the old baseball enthusiasm. Oregon's chances for the 1947 season look very good, but so do they elsewhere around the division.

Several of the experts have already tagged the Washington Huskies the team to beat. All of which makes the other four clubs breathe easy for not getting the kiss of death so early in the year. The Huskies were a potent club last year, but failed in the clutch. This year they will be well re-enforced, including a pair of names familiar to all—Sammy White and Bill Gissberg. White of course, is the basketball player, while Gissberg is the ex-Oregon athlete that got the axe in a pre-war raid on the Eugene campus by the late Edwin Atherton.



EDWIN ATHERTON

Just how much Coach Hobby Hobson will throw at rival ND clubs is still a little hard to determine, but the Webfoots should have a good club. Last year the pitching staff got by largely on the strength of big Hal Saltzman's right arm, but this year Hal should get some first-class help. Ready to move onto the mound for their regular turn are a pair of ex-Cascade league hurlers—Harry Walker and John Day—plus a number of other topflight chuckers.

John Day a Real Lefthander

Walker should be an outstanding prospect and is only a freshman. He handled a big share of the pitching chores for the Hills Creek nine that won the Cascade championship last summer. He's a righthander.

Day is an elongated lefthander better known for his slow stuff than his speed. He turned in some fine performances early in the summer for the Snellstroms Braves, but a sore arm held him down some during the latter part of the season.

Big John, a typical lefthander, is a staunch believer in plenty of work to iron out the kinks in a sore arm. While working nights at a local creamery, he spent his spare minutes throwing some old battered balls at the creamery wall.

Huskies Moving Ahead

The University of Washington officials are really going all out in an attempt to become a really big-leaguer, though from here they look like big-leaguers already. They have followed the current mania for intersectional football games with a long range plan including topflight Midwestern schools. With a stadium capable of holding 45,000 they contemplate little difficulty.

Likewise in basketball where they have boosted their seating capacity up around the 13,000 mark. Early in the current season they had both Minnesota and Ohio State in for a pair of games.

There is also some expression from the Seattle school to the effect that they would like to knock off the 50-50 breakdown of gate receipts and substitute a plan more favorable to the coffers of the home team. This is understandable from their point-of-view, as they by far outdistance the ND field in home gate receipts.

Oregon and Oregon State do fair when they bring their big football games into Portland with a possible crowd of 30,000. Otherwise it's 20,000 at Corvallis and Eugene and much less at Washington State and Idaho.

The Webfoots with McArthur court's 6700-capacity have done their share of bringing in basketball loot in the past, however. True, that in no way compares with the Washington 13,000, but the Husky increase in capacity was just made this year, and plans are underway to jump the Igloo figure to beyond 10,000 with the addition of a full balcony over the present stands.

Swimming Meet a Real Honor

The Huskies deserve their plaudits in their swimming accommodations, and here the Seattle school has really paid off in national prestige. The National Collegiate swimming meet is scheduled for the Washington pool March 28 and 29, and this will be the first time this event has ever been held in the Far West.

To the Husky Swim Coach Jack Torney goes a major share of the two-day splash contest. The Washington pool has drawn the praises of many as a beautiful plant and was constructed with funds from the Husky appearance in the Rose Bowl in 1937.

Hoop Review...

By **AL PIETSCHMAN**

Bob Lavey was readying himself for yesterday's workout when his "life history" was wormed out of him. He had his suit on and had just finished taping his two pair of wool stockings to his feet when the first question was fired.

As most sports followers know, Lavey hails from Washington high school and was their standout star last season. Bob is a freshman, one of the two that are on the team this year. He was named to the guard spot last winter on the prep all-state team.

Bob has been in the starting lineup several times and has turned in good showing whenever he was on the floor. Like any player fresh from the prep circles with no frosh or JV ball behind him, Lavey is inexperienced in the major circuit. However, by dint of hard work and continuous effort, he has quickly caught on to collegiate play.

Hobson's crew leaves today for the northern contests and Lavey predicts that Oregon can and should win the games. In fact he even goes so far as to say he believes that the boys can win the final three games—and that includes the powerful Aggies.

"We've been working hard, and although Washington is going to be tough, we should win both games," he noted. "We will have to watch Bob Jorgensen, as he is a fine shot and very fast, Edmundson's team is fast and they like the race horse



style, but I think that we are better at it than they are," he continued.

Nominated for the best player in the conference by Lavey is OSC's Lew Beck. Bob figures that the ter-

Bob Lavey

rific Beck is tops in local competition and one of the smoothest players in the league.

A second baseman and shortstop, Bob plans to devote his spring term spare hours to Hobson's baseball team. The two sports, basketball and baseball just about take up young Mr. Lavey's entire sports calendar.

From October to June he is busy with sports for the University. In the summer he plays baseball with one of the Portland teams. For a young man of eighteen, Bob has sports agenda well-filled and is turning in praiseworthy performances in each.

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Waldorf Aide Quits

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—(AP) Wes Fry Northwestern university backfield coach, disclosed today that he had resigned "sometime ago" effective next August 31, and that he "might go" to the University of California as an assistant to Lynn Waldorf, resigned Wildcat head football coach.

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